New areas for raising Additional Revenue

4001. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are exploring new / innovating areas for raising additional revenue as adequate internal resources to meet the expansion needs of the Railways in future;

(b) if so, whether Government had formed any Committee;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government had consulted States before preparing any draft plan in this regard;

(e) if so, the suggestions received from the States; and

(f) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU) : (a) It has been a continuous endeavour of the Railways to maximize its earnings mainly through its core activity of transportation of passenger and freight. With a view to generating enough resources to meet the growing requirement of Railways' expansion and development, innovative measures are being taken to capture greater traffic as outlined in the Railway Budget, besides controlling the expenditure.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (f) Railway Minister has written to State Chief Ministers to contribute a share for the early completion of projects falling under Remote Area Rail Sampark Yojana. State Governments' response is awaited.

New/on-going and pending rail projects

†4002. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of new/on-going and pending rail projects and survey made for laying new railway lines and construction of fly-over in Chhattisgarh and the targets laid down for their completion;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.